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an entrance lens part forming the entrance surface of the lenticular lens sheet and having an array of a plurality of convex lens elements capable of gathering light rays;

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an exit lens part forming the exit surface of the lenticular lens sheet and having an array of a plurality of lens elements formed respectively in light-gathering regions in which light rays refracted by the convex lens elements of the entrance lens part gather; and

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a light absorbing layer formed in light-nongathering regions in the exit surface of the lenticular lens sheet in which light rays refracted by the convex lens elements of the entrance lens part do not gather;

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wherein a tinted layer is formed at least in a portion of the entrance lens part near the entrance surface of the lenticular lens sheet.

Cancel claim 12 without prejudice or disclaimer:

Amend claims 13 and 15 to 17 as follows:

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13. (Amended) The lenticular lens sheet according to claim 11,
wherein the lens elements of the exit lens part are either convex
or concave toward the exit surface of the lenticular lens sheet.

15. (Amended) The lenticular lens sheet according to claim 11,
wherein the tinted layer contains a light diffusing material.

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16. (Amended) The lenticular lens sheet according to claim 11,
wherein the tinted layer extends along the light receiving surface
of the entrance lens part.

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17. (Amended) A rear projection screen comprising:
a lenticular lens sheet having an entrance surface and an exit
surface; and
a Fresnel lens sheet disposed opposite to the entrance surface
of the lenticular lens sheet facing an image light source,
wherein the lenticular lens sheet has:
a base part;

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an entrance lens part forming the entrance surface of the lenticular lens sheet and having an array of a plurality of convex lens elements capable of gathering light rays;

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an exit lens part forming the exit surface of the lenticular lens sheet and having an array of a plurality of lens elements formed respectively in light-gathering regions in which light rays refracted by the convex lens elements of the entrance lens part gather; and

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a light absorbing layer formed in light-nongathering regions in the exit surface of the lenticular lens sheet in which light rays refracted by the convex lens elements of the entrance lens part do not gather, the entrance lens part being provided with a tinted layer at last in a portion thereof near the entrance surface of the lenticular lens sheet.

Cancel claim 18 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

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20. (New) The lenticular lens sheet according to claim 11,
wherein

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the base part has a flat entrance-side surface and a flat exit-side surface;

the entrance lens part is disposed on the flat entrance-side surface of the base part; and

the exit lens part is disposed on the flat exit-side surface of the base part.

21. (New) The rear projection screen according to claim 17, wherein

the base part of the lenticular sheet has a flat entrance-side surface and a flat exit-side surface;

the entrance lens part of the lenticular lens sheet is disposed on the flat entrance-side surface of the base part; and

the exit lens part of the lenticular lens sheet is disposed on the flat exit-side surface of the base part.